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Three new cases of COVID-19 confirmed at a skilled nursing facility

The City of Midland Health Department is currently conducting their investigation on three new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Midland County, bringing the overall case count to thirty-five.

The thirty-third confirmed case is a female in her 70s who was tested by Midland Health. The female is currently an inpatient at the hospital and was transported from the Midland Medical Lodge on April 10, 2020. The source of exposure is contact to known case.

The thirty-fourth confirmed case is a female in her 30s who was tested by Midland Health. The female is currently an inpatient at the hospital, she was admitted on April 12, 2020. The source of exposure is contact to known case. The last day she worked at Midland Medical Lodge was March 29, 2020. She is a part-time nurse.

The thirty-fifth confirmed case is a female in her 80s who was tested by Midland Health. The female is currently an inpatient at the hospital and was transported from Midland Medical Lodge on April 13, 2020. The source of exposure is contact to a known case.

The City of Midland Health Department confirmed today, April 14, 2020, that four administrative employees of Midland Medical Lodge are among the thirty-five confirmed cases in Midland.

The Midland Medical Lodge has been following the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Guidelines for a nursing facility. The facility has been fully cooperating with the City of Midland Health Department and state regulatory agencies.

The medical directors on-site are screening residents every four hours and plan to test all that are symptomatic. The facility has created a licensed isolation wing to house any symptomatic residents.



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The administrative staff members who have tested positive are isolating at home. They will not return to work at the facility until they are released by the City of Midland Health Department.

Midland Medical Lodge implemented the use of masks and gloves for resident contact on March 30, 2020. All staff has been wearing full personal protective equipment for approximately two weeks. Midland Medical Lodge has not allowed any visitors since mid-March.

The City of Midland will continue to monitor the individuals and the facility in accordance with the CDC.

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